

THE FLY PAPERS

Posts from the blog
“The X-Cop Fly Company”

VOLUME V: 2011, JULY THROUGH DECEMBER

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INTRODUCTION

Volume V of *The Fly Papers* contains the contents of the blog “X-Cop Fly Company” from July 2011 through December 2011. It also includes the final post from June 2011, which was omitted from Volume IV due to the quality of the prior post.

This blog started in late June of 2009 under the name “Azz Pizz Institute”, and had a juvenile “NSFW humor” theme. The “Azz Pizz Institute” was a nickname I had previously used on Usenet newsgroups, and the blog was actually a subdomain of an archive of interesting files.

In 2010, the blog was succeeded by "The X-Cop Fly Company" (www.xcopfly.com). Named after a joke from my childhood, the blog came to also include current events, online quiz results, various pictures and videos, rants, poems, and more.

Beginning in mid-2010, I began to release most of the blog's contents into the public domain. This continued until later in the year, when I began applying the Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication, with "all additional waivers" applying to material previously released into the public domain.

At some point I decided it would be great to re-package these blog posts into a book, replacing all copyrighted material with brief summaries, and uploading the book to the Internet Archive. I later decided to do this in “volumes” due to the amount of posts that had accumulated.

As I began work on the first volume, which would consist of all posts in 2009 (including the Azz Pizz Institute posts), I noticed something interesting – this was *history*. The worldwide economic crises of the past few years were frequently discussed as they happened, as well as the controversial past and background of President Barack Obama, the controversial seizures of various companies by Obama and his allies in Congress, regulatory measures such as “Obamacare”, the rise of the Tea Party movement, among other past and current events, including Hollywood trends and Internet fads. In addition, this was not just about history, but also *culture* – the spirit of the times.

I would continue with Volume II, containing January 2010 through June 2010, released in January 2011. Volume III showcases indecision regarding the blog's direction, finally settling on the X-Cop Fly Company becoming a journal/poem/rant-style blog toward the end of 2010, which (as of the date of this book's publication) is still the case. This was even more true of Volume IV, which contains more original material than previous volumes.

Due to the Republican presidential primaries of 2012, Volume V (this book) takes a more political direction, with more video-and-quote-type posts. It should be noted that I do not use *[link]* with regards to Ron Paul, instead going into further detail such as *[link to campaign site]*, due to the existence of numerous Ron-Paul-related sites, both official and unofficial. Volume V also includes a number of photos, mostly of my pets.

This book contains all posts from the X-Cop Fly Company from the second half of 2011 (July through December) which have not been deleted as of the date of this publication. It also contains the final post from June 2011, which was omitted for quality purposes. Material copyrighted by myself and others has been removed and replaced with summaries if needed (summaries are represented as this: *[example]*). As a copyrightable derivative work, I can dedicate this book in its entirety to the public domain according to the Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication. A copy of this waiver (public domain) is included at the end of this book. Note that the book makes frequent references to names and trademarks - these belong to their respective owners, who are not affiliated with this book or its author.

I hope this work proves itself enjoyable to many and will encourage further expansion of the public domain and a loosening of copyright laws and lessening of copyright terms around the world. I hope to release Volume VI shortly, as well as material related to my new "serious" site, LibertyColumns.com. (More information on LibertyColumns.com will be available in Volume VI.)

Daniel R. Quintiliani (a.k.a. "The X-Cop Fly Company")
July 2, 2012

recently...

2011-06-28 11:48:37 PM

A busy weekend, first a party all day Saturday, then had to get up very early at 6 the next day to assist local field day [[link to information on annual amateur radio event](#)] activities, so i wound up not sleeping (they needed me to bring stuff). in other words, i was awake for over 24 hours. finally caught up though yesterday, and will probably go to bed pretty soon.

but first:

(nothing relevant)

-fin-

where'd it go?

2011-07-03 9:31:59 PM

rarely do i put on the modern alternative rock stations, as many i listen to have changed formats to classic rock or something else, and all the “left of the dial” stations i listened to years ago have basically switched to a snobbish version of commercial hit radio. so i put on the alternative rock station. where did the complaint rock go? everything is just too damn happy and positive. i don’t need that, if i wanted to be told how better off than me everyone else is i’d just listen to pop music (or maybe not, with the annoying voices they have). every now and then you’d hear an (old or new) nin or soundgarden or pearl jam hit sandwiched between a bunch of bubblegum guitar songs. really good music, completely sticking out in a stream of jizz. where’d all the complaint rock go? it’s even tough to find on the internet, usually just stuff by the same bands selling cds on their own now. why do they try and keep it from us? easy – to make money. feelings of lacking cause people to buy things. same reason tv shows make fun of god and feature characters who sleep around – faith and family cut into their advertisers profits.

happy 4th of july [weekend].
saturday morning approaches...

Mid-week again, which I’ve previously mentioned...

2011-07-13 12:44:42 AM

...but unfortunately I can’t do two links in one.

A week or two ago, I bought a BNC along with a shell account last week or so, which I am using to connect to my favorite IRC networks this week. I’m using the Mozilla IRC network recently now too.

The ocean from two days ago messed up my ears today, but it seems to have gone away now. Doesn't stop people from being pissed off at you though.

(this line and surrounding irregular blank space intentionally left added for psychoobsessive antisymmetricability)

I think I have enough for...

2011-07-13 1:00:03 AM

Fly Papers Volume IV, when I get back.

Look for it. Sometime.

The Final Puddle

2011-07-14 4:24:41 AM

After the training had completed, the student was led to one more room. The Wizard pointed to an icy river. "This is your final puzzle, that is, the final puddle."

"I don't get it," said a confused Richard, "There is no puddle anywhere, as it is an entire river which is a whole brick of ice!"

"But it is a puddle. And that is your final test, Richard."

"Wizard?"

"That is all I will tell you, pupil. Now pass the test."

"Huh?"

"Study the puddle."

"The icy river?"

"The puddle!"

Richard thought, "Am I nuts or something?"

Through a strange apparently telepathic foresight, the Wizard said “You have been taught since you were a child to believe you are crazy. But the truth is, everyone else is. That is your first clue.”

Richard was worried. Was he going schizophrenic? But then it hit him. “I know what to do. Somehow there is a way to make a puddle from that river.”

The Wizard shouted “It is already a puddle. But yes, you are on the right track. You are already discovering the second clue, and that discovery itself is your third clue.”

Hmm. If these are clues, Richard thought, then somehow there is a link between them, and therefore the puzzle would be solved, completing his training.

No reply or acknowledgement came from the Wizard.

Okay, perhaps the reason the ice is a puddle was because it was part of the same river, but in a different form. Something had happened which turned the puddle into ice. This process could, then, be reversed somehow. The second clue?

Well that makes sense. But what about the first clue? That clue being, who was insane, him or the world. Looking back on his childhood, Richard remembered losing recess, being sentenced to detention, suspension and his eventual expulsion from school, resulting in him taking weird training courses like these. These penalties usually came about due to misbehavior, rudeness towards teachers, and questioning authority. He was often under therapy and prescribed medication due to various supposed causes of his misbehavior ranging from attention deficits, to stress from excessive homework load, or inability to cope with his parents’ divorce. Psychiatric treatments only worked over the short term, however. Perhaps he needed to see a therapist again? No wait. That was wrong, according to the first clue.

So questioning authority and associated misbehavior will somehow allow him to make this icy river into a puddle, which is actually a puddle anyway. “Do I need to question authority,” Richard thought, “and what authority, the authority that makes the puddle an icy river?”

What makes the puddle an icy river? Science. What is proven. Exactly! “If I do something which defies science, I can make this icy river into the puddle that it is, and then I will become a Wizard.” The third clue! But what can he do? “Anything I feel like doing.” About to smash the ice in a frustration-driven manic enthusiasm, Richard realized it would not be a giant puddle if there was still some ice left over. Remember, defy the laws of science – there should be no ice to begin with. “What if I don’t feel like doing anything?” Bingo. The icy river turned into a giant puddle.

“Congratulations, wise Wizard Richard! You have now mastered the ways of magic.”

No need for a calendar as it’s going pretty fast.

2011-07-23 5:43:35 AM

I’m up to the beginning of April in Flypapers IV.

I might not even release the book just yet – since the blog changed almost entirely to original material, it's become more quality than quantity. Maybe Flypapers IV will be all of 2011 rather than the first half. Who knows.

1, 2, 4, 8

lots more equations to learn this time
but i'm 99% sure i can do it
and once you've learned some of it, you don't want to throw it all away

22

yep, strangely they're still on the list
and they actually lasted a lot longer than you'd think
now they're owned by a holding company

27

i just turned 27 earlier this week

66

66666

69

click! clack! click! clack!
maybe i should be more gentle
peace

National Security: Then & Now

2011-07-27 4:00:55 AM

(Inspiration from commenter "Jim" on a blog post [\[link to news story: NY Sen. Schumer was calling for a "no-ride list" for Amtrak\]](#) from [Repeal the 17th Amendment Blog](#) [\[link\]](#))

[The Repeal the 17th Amendment Blog article contained a picture of people boarding a train with TSA guards in view. Commenter "Jim" suggested that the picture resembled Nazi guards escorting Jews onto "Holocaust trains". Inspired by these remarks, I created a picture of my own. On a black background, a pasted "Holocaust train" image is placed above the TSA train image with the two lines "NATIONAL SECURITY" and "Then & Now" at the bottom.]

Oh what the heck.

2011-07-31 7:37:52 PM

It contains the best of the best, is not that much shorter than the other three, and the second to last post is “The End of the Internet” [[link to June 26, 2011 blog post of the same name, available in *The Fly Papers: Volume IV \(2011, January through June\), Second Edition*](#)]. I can always merge the rest of the year with 2012, which hopefully I won’t need to. Maybe I’ll wait on that last post and make “The End of the Internet” [[link, same as above](#)] the last. Time to package, seal, & deliver!

And, as promised, Fly Papers, Volume IV!

2011-07-31 9:37:04 PM

Roll the tape...

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As previously suggested [[link to July 31, 2011 blog post "Oh what the heck.", available in this book](#)], to increase quality, the final post of June 2011 [[link to June 28, 2011 blog post "recently...", available in this book](#)] has been excluded from Volume IV and will begin the next e-book.

For information and downloads, visit the Internet Archive entry [[link](#)].

Dead hard drive, dead book store

2011-08-05 5:07:48 PM

As I was falling asleep the other day, I heard a grinding noise coming from my computer, the grinding of a damaged hard drive. It froze, wouldn’t boot again, sometimes not even detecting the drive, and I tried replacing the cables (SATA and PSU) and still it didn’t make a difference. While the 30 day warranty had expired, American Express [[link](#)] added 30 days and it had been *exactly* 60 days! So I lucked out with an ~\$61 refund.

I didn’t expect the damage at all, since the computer was new I occasionally would check the SMART info via HDTune [[link](#)]. (I guess it just happened to hit the wrong spot at the wrong time...) Unfortunately I hadn’t done my monthly backup yet, so quite a bit was lost, including the OpenOffice document containing Flypapers IV (still available as PDF on the IA). I can put most of any lost data back together through saved and trashed e-mails and scraps of paper on the desk. Currently I’m using a 2003 Dell machine (heavily modified and updated since then), and will be buying a new hard drive at the store tonight.

I hope to make it to a Borders *[link to news article on discounts due to Borders going out-of-business]* store on Sunday, it's the last day the Rewards cards are functional, and from what I heard from my sister, the books are really cheap. Hopefully they won't have an empty inventory by then.

I'm really sad that Borders is closing. Sometimes you need to read the books a bit before you buy them, when the Internet won't let you do that, unless you use eBooks which are laced with DRM and completely subject to corporate restructuring and mergers. This happened with Microsoft's and Yahoo's music stores – “burn the CD or you lose it all” (if the record company let you burn it). Kobo, the eBook reader from Borders, is run by a separate company *[link to news article with info on this]* so it is not affected. Still, I do not like to buy stuff subject to the control and network status of other people, when I can keep physical private property in the privacy of my own home. I don't care about books or CDs taking up space, the latter of which (in most cases) are better quality than intangible computer software alternatives, and if I need to get rid of something there's always eBay.

I set the bouncer to cancel in January, since it couldn't keep a connection. Maybe I'll find a better one, who knows.

Not sure about tomorrow, but tonight will be a fun evening. And there's been really nice weather today. “CUL” as they say...

They don't carry them anymore...

2011-08-06 12:14:59 PM

...so I bought one online.

Fortunately I got free shipping and quick delivery.

Tonight I became obsessed with God, creation, the Big Bang, the nature and design of parallel universes, what is and isn't visible, what is provable by science, the nature of man...

2011-08-08 4:52:04 AM

and it's almost 5:00 and I'm still awake.

Two events delayed a day

2011-08-09 12:25:34 AM

Went to Borders today instead of Sunday, wasn't as hectic as the one my sister went to. Borders is still Borders, and so their discounts are still relatively pricey, but as I mentioned about real-life bookstores [[link to August 5, 2011 blog post "Dead hard drive, dead book store"](#)], available in this book I could take a closer look at the books I was buying, and in some cases found ones I liked better than I would have bought online. Plus it was my last visit to a great store. RIP

Another unexpected delay – I won't get my hard drive delivered until tomorrow night, when I thought I would be getting it tonight. Sucks.

Obama's Clones and the Split Tea Party Movement: Thoughts On The Straw Poll

2011-08-14 5:53:03 AM

I'm very happy with the 2011 Ames straw poll results [[link to news article](#)] – Michele Bachmann the winner at 28.55%, and Ron Paul not too far behind at 27.65%, with none of the other candidates passing 14%.

While the Ames straw poll is more about showcasing dedication to the candidates, the candidate's marketing skills, and the character of potential voters, it does bring to my mind a problem which might destroy the Tea Party and the Republican vote in 2012.

As everyone within the Tea Party Movement knows, there are the more conservative people (such as Michele Bachmann and Sarah Palin) and the more libertarian people (such as Judge Napolitano and Ron Paul).

When you look at the other candidates in the race, they are basically clones of Barack Obama. Two key examples: Mitt Romney being the pro-choice inventor of Obamacare and inventor of "the mandate", and Rick Perry forcing 11-year-old girls to get the religiously-controversial and painful HPV vaccine Gardasil via executive order [[link](#)] (later blocked by the TX legislature).

It is schizophrenic that Republicans are even giving these people TV time let alone supporting their candidacy, given their opposition to Obama doing the exact same thing. It's the same as my frequent statements here [[link to July 20, 2010 blog post "People are starting to wake up"](#)], available in *The Fly Papers: Volume III (2010, July through December)* about the open-source software community – unconditional support of any related companies or nonprofits, despite having welcomed and implemented the exact same tie-ins with the Langley/Ft. Meade surveillance state and the Hollywood Mafia as the proprietary software they criticize.

Liberals constantly accuse conservatives of being racist or driven by racism when it comes to opposing the President's views and actions. But if the Tea Party continues to split the vote between Bachmann and Paul, we may have two pro-choice, big-government, pro-welfare/warfare-state candidates in 2012, with very few differences. In other words, White Obama vs. Black Obama. Thus voting for Mitt Romney or Rick Perry *will* make you a racist, and with Media 1.0 on his side, the President will have a second term.

Here is my suggestion – rather than go by the candidate you support, go by the date of your state’s primaries *[link to page with dates, results, and other information for each state's primary/caucus]*. For example, I support Ron Paul, but PA being one of the later states to hold primaries, I might vote for Bachmann if she has already won states or did better than Ron Paul when both lost a previous state.

We cannot have four more years of a pro-choice, pro-welfare/warfare-state, big-government liberal, whether he be Democratic or Republican, black or white. No matter who we support, the Tea Party vote cannot be split in our fight against Obama, nor can we take more accusations of racism. I suggest we base our votes not on our support for Bachmann or Paul, but on their success so far. Only then can the Tea Party win in 2012.

Subliminal Message On TI Calculators

2011-08-19 11:17:13 PM

[The alphanumeric 'S' is right of the alternate 'e^x' on the button 'LN' on the TI-83+ and TI-84+SE calculators. Images of the calculators are shown here illustrating this backwards message.]

TSA's Total Sexual Abuse – Something Else To Keep In Mind

2011-08-26 3:58:40 AM

The 3rd Amendment to the United States Constitution:

“No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.”

Now that the TSA’s power has extended past the airports *[link to July 27, 2011 blog post "National Security: Then & Now", available in this book]*, and has been used to threaten an American state with a blockade for attempting to ban its abusive behavior *[link to news story – Obama threatened to block all air traffic to and from Texas, since the state was very close to passing a bill holding TSA agents liable under state sexual abuse laws for their ongoing sexually abusive behavior]*, the TSA can very easily *[link to August 28, 2010 blog post "X-Ray Spy Van", available in The Fly Papers: Volume III (2010, July through December)]* extend its power to “protect” public roads and peep into people’s bedrooms.

The TSA is a civilian agency, not a military agency, and is thus not restricted by the 3rd Amendment. Via the TSA, the possibilities for federal intrusion on life, liberty, and property is almost without bounds.

cold

2011-08-27 6:17:02 AM

not anything resembling cold now, but it once was. and before then, it was hot. it was about 20-or-so years ago, when the sun used to reveal itself and bounce off the ground. light bounced off the sidewalks, through the oak trees, and down the street. later we would have the whole sky, a nice backyard with a path with weird trees, and a little creek with crustaceans and frogs and (possibly) fish. all gone. there might be a promised land ahead of me, but not for about 15 years, if at all, and not the same thing, but possibly better in different ways, a new world and its associated traits.

“They Know”...

2011-08-28 2:23:38 AM

As Hurricane Irene continues, animals you don't see too often look for safe places to hide. On our way to church Saturday evening, we saw a bat parked next to the air conditioner outside of my parents' room. Around 12-1 AM I see, for the first time in a long time, a baby frog, clinging on to the edge of my window. Here are some pictures:

These photos are dedicated to the public domain according to CC0 1.0 Universal. *[link]*

[With two exceptions, "thumbnail" versions of the original images were used on the post. Clicking on these brought up the full-sized images. The clickable versions are used in this book.]















Terrible

2011-08-30 2:42:28 PM

UPDATE 8/31: Power back this afternoon – we’re back in action! :) Fixed missing link to flag and added thumbnail.

I am blogging here from the Milford, PA library [[link to the Pike County \(PA\) Public Library's Web site](#)] computers because the hurricane has left us without power for two days now. In the towns everything is mostly fine, but not true of the woods where I live. Fortunately I was able to access a shower and was even more lucky to reserve an hour of Internet time, after getting frustrated at attempting to use the library’s wireless login system with Vista.

Rumors are circulating of electric companies shifting personnel further down the river to a flooded nuclear power plant. According to the blog Environmental Leader [[link](#)], there are damaged nuclear power plants (and lots of other things damaged), and there are almost 6 million without power on the east coast (several thousand in my county).

I have to head back home now and can’t search for any info on this, sorry. If you can e-mail me (see “About Us” for my email) before I can access a computer again, I’ll credit you.

Thank you.

Here is a direct link [[link](#)] to the paleolibertarian flag (a hybrid of the anarcho-capitalist flag and the Gadsden flag) on the sidebar everyone seems to be searching for. I found it by searching Google Images.

[The image is most likely copyrighted. A thumbnail was here, clicking it would load the full image.]

Public domain photos of my betta, Chase

2011-09-06 2:37:50 AM

When I first posted photos of my betta Chase last May [[link to May 13, 2011 blog post "Pics? Why not?", available in *The Fly Papers: Volume IV \(2011, January through June\), Second Edition*](#)], I didn’t want to release the rights on those pictures, since I was worried that doing so might infringe someone else’s copyrights or patents, since the tank had a rather unique design.

So tonight, for all to enjoy in their own way, I decided to take additional pictures of the fish from “safer” angles. Also I realized that one of the pictures taken last May was also safe to release CC0 1.0 Universal.

These pictures are dedicated to the public domain according to CC0 1.0 Universal. [[link](#)]

[Thumbnails were displayed on the post, which when clicked would load the full image. The thumbnails are used in this book (though in a slightly different order).]







Didn't Talk Radio Teach You Anything? Republicans, Wake Up!

2011-09-06 11:23:20 PM

The repeal of the Fairness Doctrine in 1987, the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the commercialization of the Internet since the mid-1990s has assisted the rise of alternate forms of media – conservative and libertarian talk radio, the conservative viewpoints permitted on Fox's channels, and of course, blogs of all persuasions.

This led to a questioning of the agendas and viewpoints promoted by the Mainstream Media 1.0 – the Big 3 broadcast channels (ABC, CBS, NBC), the government-funded PBS and NPR, and early cable TV sources such as CNN and its Headline News.

But something dangerous is happening right now, something which is undoing the skepticism Media 2.0 has proven a requirement for an informed mind, something threatening both the existence of limited-government conservatism and threatening the Judeo-Christian family values long gone from the mainstream liberal establishment media. As the 2012 Republican presidential primaries approach, conservatives are giving the *same blind trust* to the most popular players in Media 2.0 as they did to Media 1.0!

Polls seem to show the two major candidates for the 2012 Republican presidency are Rick Perry and Mitt Romney. These two individuals are packed with a record of not only major domestic spending and large intrusive government, but beliefs held and actions taken which are pro-choice, pro-Islam, anti-Judeo-Christian, anti-*family* (let alone family values), and other qualities of our Democratic President Barack Hussein Obama.

All you need to know about Mitt Romney is that he invented Obamacare, *including its pro-choice elements*, which he implemented in the state of Massachusetts. Romney's MassHealth *[link to the official MassHealth Web site]* also includes "the mandate" – the unconstitutional requirement that everyone purchase health insurance or be fined as a criminal. Aren't we suing over this in federal court? Will all the conservative and Republican organizations, trying to overturn "the mandate" in federal court, drop their charges – just because a Republican President is forcing us to buy insurance instead of a Democratic one? No sane Republican can support the contradiction that is a Mitt Romney presidency.

Even less of a conservative is Rick Perry. Rick Perry is not only a Muslim sympathizer, but befriends jihadist organizations *[link to article about Perry's Democratic Party past and his open embracing of various Islamic leaders and organizations over the years, including those calling for violence, terrorism, and the destruction of Israel and its allies]*. Sound familiar? *[link to April 4, 2011 blog post "Obama's Sympathy For Islam", available in The Fly Papers: Volume IV (2011, January through June), Second Edition]* Rick Perry goes to Tea Party conventions, telling them what they want to hear, only to go to a neocon convention and contradict himself *[link to opinion piece reacting to this]*. His "job creation" was for shady purposes *[link to article discussing Rick Perry's Trans-Texas Corridor ("NAFTA Superhighway")-related public works projects]*.

And in what should appall anyone with a child, Perry forced, through executive order, 11-year-old girls *[link to news article]* to have the HPV vaccine Gardasil. This vaccine, which girls often claim is extremely painful all the way in and has caused deaths, is rarely useful for anything other than encouraging sexual promiscuity. It was approved under "pro-life" George W. Bush's FDA, famous for putting the abortion pill over-the-counter *[link to news article]* and being so pro-business even businesses themselves found the FDA's actions repulsive *[link to news article, written September 2008, on the FDA's approval of cloned meat in January of that year, as well as reporting press releases by 20 food- and retail-industry corporations, including Kraft, Tyson, and Nestle, vowing not to use cloned meat]*. It took an act of the Texas Legislature to block Perry's highly inappropriate behavior.

There are only two major candidates in the race who can legitimately be considered "conservative" – Michele Bachmann and Ron Paul *[link to official campaign site]*. They have few differences in domestic policy, differing primarily in foreign policy – Bachmann taking a Reagan/Bush I/II neocon approach and Paul taking a Goldwater/Buchanan paleoconservative/paleolibertarian approach. Unfortunately, the Tea Party vote is split between them *[link to August 14, 2011 blog post "Obama's Clones and the Split Tea Party Movement: Thoughts On The Straw Poll", available in this book]*, making matters worse for Judeo-Christian limited-government conservatives.

Media 2.0 has proven pre-existing Media 1.0 cannot be trusted. So what are Republicans doing? Blindly trusting pre-existing Media 2.0! Unlike the mainstream Media 1.0, Media 2.0 has no limits. Go and dig up everything you can on these candidates. A liberal neocon Republican who differs from a Democratic President in nothing but race is a guaranteed second term. Remember what Media 2.0 has taught you – don't blindly follow any form of media. Keep the skepticism and suspicion every patriotic American needs, discover different points of view, and cast an informed, intelligent vote in 2012.

Public domain photos of my dog, Oscar

2011-09-08 4:50:56 PM

As previously suggested [[link to September 6, 2011 blog post "Public domain photos of my betta, Chase"](#), available in this book], I have uploaded pictures of my dog Oscar which I can waive CC0 1.0 Universal.

I think these came out really well.

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Gone from this world, but with eternal life in the public domain.

2011-09-10 6:18:37 AM

After a week or two of my fish *[link to September 6, 2011 blog post "Public domain photos of my betta, Chase", available in this book]* frequently becoming sick, I discovered the problem tonight. I attempted to solve the problem, but it was too late and he died. I am very sad. Chase exists only in pictures *[link to September 6, 2011 blog post "Public domain photos of my betta, Chase", available in this book]*, only one *[link to May 13, 2011 blog post "Pics? Why not?", available in The Fly Papers: Volume IV (2011, January through June), Second Edition]* of which is copyrighted. Rest in peace Chase, a great friend, a fountain of life in my bedroom, and the origin of great photos *[link to September 6, 2011 blog post "Public domain photos of my betta, Chase", available in this book]* for lives to come.

9/11/01

2011-09-11 7:29:45 AM

this post is to honor those who died in the 9/11 attacks

also to honor the ones who survived

to anyone with a strong connection to “the city”

to the victims of the subsequent wars, whether the war be the result of a conspiracy or foreknowledge or just plain exploitation

to people around the world who can now question and investigate such matters, free of the days of duck and cover and the wars of old, and armed with the power of information, which has grown so much within the past ten years, and continues to grow

to geert wilders, to theo van gogh, to trey parker, to matt stone, to molly norris, and all others who are not afraid to discuss the truth about islam and the quran, even if they die doing so

to bloggers, to youtube, to the tea party movement, to wikileaks, to facebook users, to talk radio, to birthers, to truthers, to conspiracy theorists, and to the devoted followers, workers, and account-holders of all of these who make their efforts possible

to the now ten year old children, who will never know the america we knew, filled with liberty and prosperity, not fear and debt

and to those who, just during their day to day life, regardless of party or ideology, those who stand up for freedom – the true patriots of this nation

god bless the united states of america

and may nothing like 9/11 ever happen to us again

Thoughts on Ron Paul's statements at Monday's Tea Party Debate regarding terrorism

2011-09-14 5:54:12 AM

Watching the Tea Party GOP Debate on CNN on Monday, I was glad to see the liberal mainstream media channel grill the candidates with tough questions, and was also happy to see Rick Perry confronted by the other candidates regarding his Gardasil mandate *[link to news article]* – surprised me something like that would ever happen on establishment television, let alone by establishment candidates such as Romney and (the now-Big-Government) Gingrich, and best of all this confrontation showcased non-establishment Michele Bachmann's ideological conservatism. The American people are tired of empty, generic promises (such as "Hope" and "Change"), and the GOP especially should not trust a candidate who defends his left-wing behavior with an "I'm sorry!" Also notable regarding Rick Perry was his repeated defense of his left-wing policies in Texas by claiming "state's rights". Herman Cain's executive skills were showcased by his pizza-chain-style marketing of his "9/9/9" tax plan.

Ron Paul was meeting the challenges presented by establishment candidates very well, but he blew it with Rick Santorum's last-minute attack regarding Ron's views on Islamic terrorism.

One of Ron's more controversial platform planks deals with the reason for Muslim terrorism's targeting of America – Ron feels that it is **only** because of anger over neocon intervention in the Middle East. In the 2008 presidential primary debate season, he famously sparred with Rudy Giuliani by maintaining this view over the popular GOP viewpoint that Muslims hate our freedom. This time, however, Ron Paul *[referred to Israel as the Palestinians' homeland]*, making himself look guilty of treason to the mainstream Republican base.

Ron Paul is clearly wrong on this issue – he is right that Muslim terrorism is **motivated** by American intervention and our friendliness toward Israel – but their holy book the Quran, and thousands of years of history yet to be apologized for by religious leaders, continue to confirm Islam's violent opposition to freedom of religion for not only Judaism itself, but Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, tribal paganism, and every other religion other than Islam. Disputes with Israel over the right to land are overshadowed by Islam's demand that **all** land follow the Quran's mandate of global sharia law.

Regardless of these views, I truly hope that Ron Paul gets out of this mess of poor semantics, wins states and (hopefully) the Presidency.

The Return of coredumpcentral.org

2011-09-19 3:59:56 AM

Ten years ago this year, a massive site on the game Rogue, part of a larger empire of sites ruled by Darth Indecision, was very popular, only to be shut down in 2004 by Darth Indecision, at the dismay of many.

But now it has returned: Rogue Central @ coredumpcentral.org *[link]*

The site has been reconstructed from fragments, with little change in appearance, lots of updates, and much more downloads and content than ever before, including the ability to play Rogue online. Still some material is needed, and submissions of Rogue versions would be greatly appreciated [[link to "Contact" page on Rogue Central @ coredumpcentral.org](#)].

Upcoming is some information/downloads on other Roguelike games with a similar simplicity or feel.

I thought I would never be able to do it. Thinking the material had been long lost. Thinking it was a waste of my time. But I got the job done, and well. And little has been lost.

To visit a great resource for this classic game, re-existing after seven long years of non-existing, visit Rogue Central @ [coredumpcentral.org](#) [[link](#)].

[As of 7/2/12, all except portions of the Roguelikes page has been completed, with many downloads requested in the "Contact" page.]

I feel like I'm falling off a purple-and-green mountain which doesn't exist...

2011-09-19 6:43:09 AM

...bits and pieces of dis-attached syllables scattered along the hiking trail...

The Tall Tale of Mr. Cuckooclock

2011-09-27 2:07:05 AM

Winston & Winston's Odd Objects was an unusual store. Located alongside 5th Street, all sorts of strange and unusual gifts were clearly visible through the window, which only became stranger and stranger as you opened the door and walked into the front desk. Games, dolls, and puzzles for children, ashtrays labeled with hotel logos, playing cards from around the world, cigars, and clocks.

"May I speak to Mr. Winston please?"

Mrs. Winston answered "Who is this?"

"I have an appointment to repair my clock."

"Certainly! Dan, your 10:45?"

Out came Dan Winston, proprietor, who along with his wife Jill, ran what might be the strangest store in New England.

"So what is wrong, Mr. Cuckooclock?"

"My cuckoo always comes out of my mouth at the wrong time, and it hangs off my tongue."

“Hmm...Did you try oiling the gears in your neck?”

“Yes, Mr. Winston, several times.”

“What about the key?”

“The mechanism seems a bit difficult to turn. Here.” Mr. Cuckooclock turned around, unbuttoned, and lifted his shirt, revealing the key in his back.

Mr. Winston looked puzzled. “Hmm...looks fine from here.”

“Try turning the key.”

“Sure, Mr. Cuckooclock!” It was tough to turn, but Mr. Winston managed to do it. Ticking noises began to sound from Mr. Cuckooclock’s stomach. But something was wrong. “Mr. Cuckooclock, you seem to be ticking at a rather irregular beat.”

“Yes, that is also happening.”

“Perhaps that’s why the bird is coming out at the wrong time. Not a problem, I can simply clean around the key with some rubbing alcohol and give you my oil lamp to drink. That’ll do it!”

“But what about the bird?”

“Oh, right. Well, open your mouth and let me see the bird.”

Mr. Cuckooclock opened his mouth, allowing Mr. Winston to examine. “It’s rather difficult to see... Ouch!!!”

The bird came out, hanging off Mr. Cuckooclock’s tongue, shouting “Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!”

“You’re an hour behind, Mr. Cuckooclock.”

“Yes, I wasn’t able to adjust for daylight savings time, apologies. So what can you do?”

“Well, as I said before, some rubbing alcohol around the key, and I could give you my oil lamp to drink. But as for the bird, I could cut him off, the way it is grafted to your tongue, I don’t know if I could reattach.”

“But Mr. Winston, I love my pet cuckoo!”

“He does not seem to like hanging off your tongue like that...”

“Can you get me another one?”

“Sorry, but you’ll just have to let him go.”

“Fine,” said Mr. Cuckooclock, angry.

“Hey wait a minute! For my latest Odd Object to sell, I’m working on making a clock right now. It’s the first ever inanimate clock! I will be very wealthy once I figure out how to make a clock out of wood.”

“But that might put me out of business, Mr. Winston!”

“Hey, I’ll cut you a deal. I’ll graft the bird inside of this clock, and you can take the clock. Your very own *Cuckoo Clock!*”

“I want money! If you are making inanimate wooden clocks, Mr. Winston, I want to make sure my family is provided for if I lose my job.”

“Okay, I’ll give you 10% of the profits for each ‘Cuckoo Clock’ sold!”

“You got a deal!” After Mr. Cuckooclock signed the deal, Mr. Winston detached the bird from Mr. Cuckooclock’s tongue, and glued it into the world’s first Cuckoo Clock.

That night, Mr. Cuckooclock took the clock home to show his family. Mrs. Cuckooclock was rather worried, but the children had fun. But because of the deal, the Cuckooclocks were able to retire wealthy within months.

The End.

Copyleft Risks – An Answer from RMS

2011-10-02 8:33:57 PM

If you’ve read my blog, you may have seen my frequent statements regarding copyleft, and how due to the structure of tax-deductible incorporated nonprofits, management changes and donor ties may result in forced donations or sabotage to the freeness [[link to Free Software Foundation's page containing information on the "four freedoms" of free software](#)] of free software and other copyleft schemes such as Creative Commons ShareAlike [[link to Creative Commons' page summarizing their different licenses](#)].

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending a debate [[link to information on this debate, including brief biographies of the participants, moderator, and sponsor, and information on the time and location \(Scranton, PA, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, beginning at 2 PM on October 1st, 2011\)](#)] between Richard Stallman [[link to his personal page](#)] and Nina Paley [[link to QuestionCopyright.org, partially run by Paley](#)] in Scranton, PA. Despite the rain, it was a very nice afternoon. Stallman started us off with a discussion on current and upcoming threats to privacy rights and private property rights by the federal government and through claims of super-property rights over people’s homes and possessions (aka “intellectual property” [[link to a PDF eBook of Stephan Kinsella's Against Intellectual Property found on the Ludwig von Mises Institute's site](#)]). Very scary stuff, and sadly I worry about how Gen Y only cares about letters and brand names [[link to September 25, 2011 blog post "This one's for Gen-Y", available in The Fly Papers: Volume III \(2010, July through December\)](#)]. Paley discussed the difficulty in obtaining rights to make her movie *Sita Sings the Blues* [[link](#)], the temptation for artists to keep a full copyright, and the inability to waive rights in certain jurisdictions.

Given my inability to find a definite answer to my question, I thought I'd take advantage of the moment to ask the head guy himself about risks to free software due to management changes or donor ties to bad people, using as an example the weakness of the GPLv3 *[link to the GPLv3's official FAQ, which states that DRM is not prohibited by the GPLv3 and defends the freedom to develop DRM]* compared to Stallman's early drafts *[link to 2006 CNET.com article discussing these]* which would have killed TC and DRM on the spot.

Stallman was a bit upset with me for a supposed lack of trust in the FSF, and was fully confident that the "or" in "or any later version" made this situation impossible. Because Stallman and Paley wound up in a Ron-Paul-style situation of principle being cut off for time, and I was making things longer, the moderator told me rudely to "stop". (He could have used a better word.)

After the Q&A, Stallman put on his robe and halo did his famous "Church of Emacs" stand-up act *[link to a video posted to YouTube of him performing this skit]*. It's a fun skit and I was happy to see it live.

As I left, Stallman and Paley were greeting people. I spoke to Stallman and apologized, and he told me that my argument was FUD *[link to Jargon File definition]*, that the risk doesn't exist and that he "set things up so it could never happen."

Still I disagree, since "or and *[sic]* later version" could be applied by the organization itself, and a sabotaged FSF could do anything it wants, including demanding random tax-deductible donations, removing "or" in subsequent revisions, and taking of rights over (parts of) the software. This risk increases over time, due to changes in law and treaty outlasting the life of Stallman and his contemporaries. Recall that one reason for the GPLv3 was to make things more applicable outside the US.

I was very happy, however, to finally receive an answer to this question, straight from RMS himself.

Public domain photos of my new betta, Vim

2011-10-02 11:14:40 PM

Yesterday I got a new betta for my room to replace my old one, Chase *[link to September 10, 2011 blog post "Gone from this world, but with eternal life in the public domain", available in this book]*. Due to a series of relevant events *[link to October 2, 2011 blog post "Copyleft Risks – An Answer from RMS", available in this book]* on the day I bought him, I named the betta Vim, after the text editor.

When my sister gave me Chase, she gave me a can of pellets, and after I tried to feed him, she told me he refused to eat the pellets and would only eat flakes. Chopping up the right amount of flakes was very difficult. Yesterday and today, I fed Vim two pellets, which he gladly eats.

As you can see, Vim has shades of dark orange and light brown, rather than the red with blue highlights Chase had. When at the store, I specifically went looking for a lighter color of the same type of betta.

Hopefully the betta will last a long time. My sister said that the store (the Petsmart [\[link\]](#) in Dickson City, PA) was trustworthy.

These pictures are dedicated to the public domain according to CC0 1.0 Universal. [\[link\]](#)

[Thumbnails were displayed on the post, which when clicked would load the full image. The thumbnails are used in this book (though in a slightly different order).]







Ron Paul MSM Treatment – Black THIS Out!

2011-10-08 12:34:40 AM

From BlackThisOut.com *[link]*:

[Information on "BlackThisOut.com" an unofficial "moneybomb" fundraiser in opposition to the Mainstream Media 1.0's biased coverage, media blackouts, and minimizing of Ron Paul's 2012 presidential campaign. One would donate to Ron Paul via his official Web site (not BlackThisOut.com) on October 19, 2012.]

Speak out against the old mainstream Media 1.0 and its treatment of Ron Paul.
Click the button below to join the **Black THIS Out!** campaign:

[The BlackThisOut.com main banner was shown here.]

...and remember, *[Vote for Ron Paul in 2012!]* *[link to official Web site]*

First post in almost a month...

2011-10-22 3:36:56 AM

...it's been busy. Lots of stuff to do. Mainly me installing Slackware Linux *[link]*, so I can take care of the Linux-related stuff for coredumpcentral.org *[link]*. I still have more to do.

As I've stated before, Slackware is the purest when it comes to maintaining control over your own physical property. I've mentioned frequently on this blog my opposition to involvement by the NSA and other crooks in the development, as well as the "Google/Mozilla/Kernel Foundation/GNU Project/CIA/NSA/etc-can-do-no-wrong" sheepish attitudes which empowers them politically and financially, but Slackware is well known for its simplicity, not carrying stuff like SELinux and PAM and focusing on the individual compiling source code rather than the dependency hell all the other distros have. The remaining spook taint (at least what they tell us exists) can be compiled out of the kernel, you can customize things and disable daemons you don't want. Slackware takes a lot of crap for its DIY nature as opposed to pre-packaged Winjunk distros like Ubuntu, but it's totally worth it.

To make room in my super-packed dresser, have been going through old clothes. I don't wear sweatshirts or sweaters anymore, so they just take up space, and I have lots of very-old T-shirts which either don't fit or are in bad condition. I have two bags of clothes so far and will probably have one or two more, and will eventually give them to charity.

I still haven't had a chance to watch a movie I got off eBay *[link to IMDB's page on the 2008 movie The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor]*, leaving the seller waiting for feedback. I should be able to sit down and watch the movie soon.

Also started taking Tae Kwon Do earlier this month. Have taken two classes already, was terrible at the first class but did much better the second time around.

I'm off to sleep. Just had to get a blog post in there since it's been almost a month.

an uneasy feeling...

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chaos

for the reinstitution of digital simplicity

Herman Cain Adopts the "Pro-Life Democrat" Doublespeak – Are We In An Evil Parallel Universe??

2011-10-22 9:14:55 PM

From Mediaite *[link]*, quoting Herman Cain on abortion:

[2012 Republican primary candidate Herman Cain on abortion, basically being pro-choice under the standard Democrat "I'm pro-life, but the women should decide" rhetoric, this time saying it's the family's decision as well as the mother's.]

So no longer are Democrats the only pro-choice party, with their ridiculous "I'm pro-life but the women should decide" rhetoric. Now, along with their two-year change of heart on heavy domestic spending and support for socialist national Romneycare and its mandate, the Republican Party is *also* a pro-choice party. Except unlike the subtle pro-choice policies of Bush II and his cronies, now we have two openly pro-choice parties, spouting the same exact bullshit lines in support of this international human genocide of billions of unwanted people.

Pro-Choice Herman Cain is a Fiscal Liberal Too: The Proof is Extremely Obvious

2011-10-26 7:53:41 PM

As you know, Cain's 9/9/9 tax plan is 9% corporate income tax, 9% individual income tax, and an all-new 9% sales tax.

Conservatives debate over that last one, as a brand-new form of federal taxation is as irreversible as the income tax (or even your closest toll highway/bridge).

But if pizza-chain-style marketing is Cain's focus, there are existing forms of taxes he could lower to 9%:

- 9% existing excise taxes
- 9% Social Security/Medicare taxes
- 9% estate taxes
- 9% capital gains tax

He could also split those taxes up and only tax some of them (9% tax on stock funds, repeal all taxes on money market funds)

But why does Herman Cain want to create a new 9% tax? Especially with left-wing Europe having a similar tax?

He is a big-government liberal. Just like Romney, just like Perry, just like post-9/11 Gingrich – left-wing Obama clones, taking over both political parties.

There are only three people who can be called conservative: Ron Paul, Michele Bachmann, and (a “stretch”, given the Bush II years) Rick Santorum. Due to his record of cutting, repealing, and voting against every big-government scheme he possibly can, Ron Paul is the best choice for America *[link to Ron Paul's 2012 campaign site]*. But other than Paul, Bachmann and Santorum are the only people who can honestly call themselves Republicans. No other candidates can legitimately be supported by any conservative, unless these conservatives became radical Obama leftists within the past two years.

Here We Go: Hillary Beats Mainstream-Media-Promoted Republicans in New Mainstream-Media Poll

2011-10-28 1:09:51 AM

From USA Today *[link]* via Lew Rockwell's Political Theatre *[link]*:

[A Time Magazine poll showed significant percentages of Republicans favoring a hypothetical Hillary Clinton 2012 presidential candidacy over those of Mitt Romney, Rick Perry, and Herman Cain]

As I've stated countless times before *[the preceding four words are separate links to the following September 2011 through October 2011 blog entries available in this book: "Didn't Talk Radio Teach You Anything? Republicans, Wake Up!", "Ron Paul MSM Treatment – Black THIS Out!", "Herman Cain Adopts the “Pro-Life Democrat” Doublespeak – Are We In An Evil Parallel Universe??”, and “Pro-Choice Herman Cain is a Fiscal Liberal Too: The Proof is Extremely Obvious”]* the dismissal of Ron Paul *[link to official campaign site]* and the destruction of the campaigns of Michele Bachmann and Rick Santorum prove only one thing: By promoting pro-choice, anti-Christian, anti-family, pro-big-domestic-spending, pro-healthcare-mandate, pro-new-tax, radical-left “Republicans”, and calling even the most pro-war conservatives “unelectable” and “low-tier”, the Mainstream Media 1.0 is dedicated to (again) giving Hussein Obama the coveted independent vote.

Republicans, stop being suckers to *liberal media bias*! Don't you remember what talk radio taught you [[link to September 6, 2011 blog post "Didn't Talk Radio Teach You Anything? Republicans, Wake Up!", available in this book](#)] about the **exact same Clinton/Gore/Kerry tactics**? How could you go from Tea Party Capitalists to Occupy Wall Street Socialists in less than two years? What happened to your Judeo-Christian faith and support for family values? These guys are **openly pro-choice**! What is wrong with you? [[link to Ron Paul's official 2012 campaign site](#)]

Again, storm, power outages...

2011-10-31 3:46:03 AM

As with Hurricane Irene last summer [[link to August 30, 2011 blog post "Terrible", available in this book](#)], here we had a nasty snowstorm [[link to news article](#)] and over a day of not only frequent flickering power outages, but this strange permanent brownout causing only lamp bulbs and alarm clocks to work. I took out the Kill-A-Watt to measure the voltage, which read ~95V (rather than the ~120V it's supposed to be).

And of course, a night without any power (that includes the heater). I was up most of the night, having assisted with emergency efforts [[link to NOAA's SKYWARN program](#)] since the afternoon, even had to call 911 that evening after being relayed info about a pile-up in a ditch.

Fortunately this only lasted two days for us. But others are still out of power. Across the river, northwest Jersey is a disaster.

I feel really bad for the kids though, out a Halloween. Though I hear many are doing a safer "Trunk"-or-treat now run by parents in parking lots.

A Ron Paul Halloween: 2012 Edition!

2011-10-31 5:37:20 PM

Last Halloween 2010, YouTube user malmohuset [[link to YouTube user page](#)] created a Ron Paul Halloween video [[link to October 29, 2010 blog post "A Ron Paul Halloween", available in The Fly Papers: Volume III \(2010, July through December\)](#)], featuring a sped-up carving of a Ron-Paul-resembling Jack-O-Lantern, dubbed over by classical music and a speech.

Now, via Lew Rockwell's Political Theatre [[link](#)], here is Bad Dream Pumpkin [[direct YouTube video link](#)], dubbed over with a speech on the nightmarish state of the world and Golden State song "Bombs (End This War/The Ron Paul Song)":

[["Ron Paul – Bad Dream Pumpkin" video was embedded here](#)]

And just for the heck of it, here's the original from 2010 [[direct link to "Ron Paul – What If Halloween" video on YouTube](#)]:

["Ron Paul – What If Halloween" video was embedded here]

Hopefully, next Halloween, we will see a real 2012 edition. But it's up to you – if you want a consistently Constitutional conservative in the White House, vote for Ron Paul *[link to official campaign site]* in your state's primaries, and then, Vote Ron Paul for President in 2012 *[link to official campaign site]*!

Just released: Fly Papers, Volume IV, Second Edition

2011-11-04 6:56:17 PM

[This post is largely redundant from the July 31, 2011 blog post "And, as promised, Fly Papers, Volume IV!", available in this book, and the "Second Edition Notes" from The Fly Papers: Volume IV (2011, January through June, Second Edition), and as a result it has not been included here.]

Before They Were Carved

2011-11-09 2:20:35 AM

Mt. Rushmore, as God created it:

[I am unsure of the copyright status of this image. It is usually said to be a 1905 public domain work by the National Park Service, though the National Park Service's site claims the image was created by Rise Studio of Rapid City, SD, a private company. Construction on Mt. Rushmore began in 1927. If the image was created between 1923 and then, and if it was copyrighted by that studio and the copyright had been properly renewed, the image would still be copyrighted, so it has not been included here.]

(From Coyote Blog *[link]* via Lew Rockwell's Political Theatre *[link]*, full-size image from National Park Service *[link to a portion of their site with a variety of historic Mt. Rushmore photos]*.)

The unfinished redesign you might have seen the past few days...

2011-11-11 3:28:55 AM

...didn't turn out good in a convenient amount of time. So I put things back the way they were, and it will likely stay this way for a while. A long while. Maybe forever. Who knows. Enjoy the page!

I need something funny to laugh at...

2011-11-12 4:34:14 AM

...i guess that's sufficient.

So...Anyone want a bagel? I got coffee but it sucks.

It is being worked on.

2011-11-17 10:57:19 PM

What I started months ago has been picked up again, but with a whole different angle. Given its uniqueness, I might not release it for a year, but you might expect something similar between then and now.

It's about time someone brought this up!

2011-11-18 9:43:26 PM

It was terrible how they completely ignored the fact that Dennis Ritchie died the same week as Steve Jobs despite having much greater influence on computing and having accomplished so much more:

Strangely, it's on Failblog [\[link\]](#):

[An image from Failblog was embedded here. The image compares Jobs and Ritchie's accomplishments, criticizing Jobs for stealing ideas and making gimmicky products, and praising Ritchie for inventing C and UNIX and making the modern computer age possible. The image also criticized the lack of media coverage on Ritchie's death.]

The "Blacklist Bills" Are Just Plain Silly

2011-11-23 2:45:14 AM

You may have seen The X-Cop Fly Company (and its sister site, Rogue Central [\[link\]](#)) take part in the "American Censorship Day" protest on the 16th.

This was an effort to stop the creation of the Great Firewall of America (aka "Internet Blacklist Bills"). If you did not see the "Stop Censorship" banner on Mozilla [\[link\]](#), Techdirt [\[link\]](#), etc. that day, or missed when I did it, the banner took you to AmericanCensorship.org [\[link\]](#).

A hearing occurred on that night in Congress regarding two unusually un-American bills, The House's Stop Online Piracy Act (HR 3261) and the Senate's Protect Intellectual Property Act (S 968). More at AmericanCensorship.org [\[link\]](#) and EFF [\[link\]](#).

Here is a video which sums it up:

[Embedded here is a Vimeo-hosted video by Fight For The Future explaining SOPA and PIPA.]

Much has been written about the tyrannical nature of these bills. I did not follow it on this blog, as much more has been written on every other blog and I would have too much to write about. However, in this post I will point out several ways this bill is outright silly:

- A certain non-profit encyclopedia [\[link to July 6, 2010 blog post "Tutorial: How Webmasters and Blog Owners Can Weaken The Influence of Wikipedia", available in The Fly Papers: Volume III \(2010, July through December\)\]](#) will have to block the US from editing its site, as they will have to hire lawyers 24/7 to approve every edit (out of at least thousands of edits per day)
- YouTube will have to fully watch and fully approve every video submitted.
- In order to prevent ourselves from accidentally becoming felons, we will have to put a blindfold and earplugs next to our keyboard and mouse.
- At least once, the President be working together with, and acting in the interest of, Muslim terrorist states.
- People will not be able to buy food if they are merely *suspected* of copyright infringement, as the grocer would become a felon unless the customer goes to federal court with the MAFIAA and is not proven guilty. (Still a financial transaction.)
- Every business in the country becomes free unpaid legal services for the entertainment industry, mainstream media, and White House.

If you haven't yet, write your Senators and Representatives, and soon.

six out of five

2011-11-23 2:42:22 PM

it just isnt possible
to defeat defeating
to win winning
to reward rewarding

one can clap
but clapping cannot
applause fills the room
at an unrealistic idea

but it doesn't matter
for i've defeated the enemy
the medal is mine
life is once again great
(at least until next time...)

The X-Cop Fly Company Joins Librabase.com

2011-11-23 2:51:59 PM

The X-Cop Fly Company has joined Librabase.com *[link]*, a new Digg-like aggregator and article review site for libertarian and conservative commentary.

Here's how it works: You read a participating site's article, rate it from -2 to +2, and the system determines other participants' similar articles.

Visit Librabase *[link]* by clicking here *[link]* or clicking the blogroll link on the side. And be sure to give X-Cop Fly Company articles the best ratings! :)

[In June 2012, I had X-Cop Fly Company removed from Librabase and replaced with LibertyColumns.com. More information on LibertyColumns.com will be available in Volume VI of the Fly Papers.]

happy thanksgiving '11

2011-11-24 6:25:16 PM

but it's all quiet, lethargic, boring, dull, impatient, dark, grim, and terrible...

and this is just the beginning of the ugliness – it will not end until march, if i'm lucky

...ill...

2011-11-24 6:28:21 PM

...hammering out typical goth garbage...

The Legacy of Obamacare: The Death of the Small Business

2011-11-24 9:13:11 PM

Much has been written about Obama's domestic policies. However, they all seem to have one thing in common: the end of the American small business. "Starting your own business" may have been filled with red tape before, but now it is outright dangerous and could put you in jail just for trying.

An obvious example would be Obamacare.

If you want to start a business, Obamacare makes you a criminal before you even have a chance to grow. Unless you have a lot of money to begin with, the requirement to not only pay health insurance but offer health insurance to employees makes every new business start out as a criminal racket.

Not only are millions of unemployed and partially-employed Americans about to become guilty of federal crimes in 2014 for inability to afford a fine, but for businesses there is a separate demand for compliance. Unless you have guaranteed profits and employee compensation to match Big Pharma's government-mandated demands, starting a small business is extremely dangerous and could have serious criminal consequences for all involved in a non-Fortune-500 company.

And this "legacy" will be permanent on the United States. Already are all Media-1.0-appointed "electable" and "top tier" Republican candidates supporters of abortion [*link to October 22, 2011 blog post "Herman Cain Adopts the "Pro-Life Democrat" Doublespeak – Are We In An Evil Parallel Universe??", available in this book*], Islam [*link to article about Perry's Democratic Party past and his open embracing of various Islamic leaders and organizations over the years, including those calling for violence, terrorism, and the destruction of Israel and its allies*], forced vaccinations [*link to news article on Perry's repeated fight to force vaccination of 11-year-old girls with the Gardasil HPV vaccine, one which is rarely useful for anything other than encouraging sexual promiscuity*], socialist national health care, a new Eurotax [*link to October 26, 2011 blog post "Pro-Choice Herman Cain is a Fiscal Liberal Too: The Proof is Extremely Obvious", available in this book*], and mandates of all kinds which were heresy to us only 2 years ago.

The Republican voter base has joined the socialist Occupy Wall Street movement [[link to October 28, 2011 blog post "Here We Go: Hillary Beats Mainstream-Media-Promoted Republicans in New Mainstream-Media Poll"](#), available in this book] in their support for Clinton/Gore-era generic promises of “creating jobs”, throwing away Judeo-Christian family values, the right to life [[link to October 22, 2011 blog post "Herman Cain Adopts the “Pro-Life Democrat” Doublespeak – Are We In An Evil Parallel Universe??”](#), available in this book], limited government, personal and economic freedom, and all other things we rallied and marched for only 2 years ago. We are allowing the mainstream Media 1.0 [[link to September 6, 2011 blog post "Didn't Talk Radio Teach You Anything? Republicans, Wake Up!"](#), available in this book] to choose a liberal candidate for us, rather than conservatives like Ron Paul [[link to official Ron Paul 2012 campaign site](#)] and Michele Bachmann.

When compared to other countries, America was always a great place to further your education and start a business. As time went on and liberals passed laws, this became tougher, but it was still possible. But now Obamacare has destroyed all opportunities, turning us all into indentured criminals begging for a better job to pay our back-due fines to Big Pharma. This has got to stop [[link to official Ron Paul 2012 campaign site](#)].

Interesting Comments On A Stephan Kinsella Blog Post

2011-11-28 8:51:02 PM

Within the past few days, I have posted several comments to the “Copyright is Unconstitutional” [[link](#)] blog post on Stephan Kinsella’s Center for the Study of Innovative Freedom [[link](#)]. Kinsella argues that being an amendment, the First Amendment nullified the Copyright/Patent Clause.

Copyrights/Patents (Article I Section 8):

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

Relevant portions of the First Amendment:

Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press...

I have edited these comments into stand-alone original content for the site (as well as correcting a few spelling and wording errors) so that I may waive them CC0 1.0 Universal [[link](#)]:

Copyright *is* Constitutional. The Constitution was an anti-free-market protectionist document from the start, even more so before the income tax allowed for increased free trade. The Bill of Rights was a bribe to bring in some of the more pro-Confederation states.

Everyone seems to be forgetting that the Founding Fathers' copyright system was not a private property right, let alone one that enables seizure, breaking-and-entering, and extortion of businesses, but a 14-year grant, later extendable by an additional 14 years. And it only applied to "writers and inventors". The closest thing to intellectual property at the time of the Founders was Crown Copyright, which they opposed and perverted into a business-centered protectionist grant rather than "protect the artist" Euro-tyranny. Ayn Rand brought in the "intellectual property" garbage, and sadly "free-market conservatives" accepted it as a super-property-right despite the previous 200 years of American history.

It doesn't matter whether or not patents encouraged the Industrial Revolution. The Constitution was specifically designed to be anti-free-market. Mainly, providing a common currency for banking interests. The only free-market justification for our Constitution is that it's much safer to leave it alone than to change it, given the welfare-warfare state as we know it today didn't exist at the time it was written.

It is here...

2011-11-29 10:02:56 PM

There is no avoiding it
NO avoiding this nightmare, now that it is here
I wish someone would tear it off the sky for me
I wish it was possible

Otherwise
Other than
Other me
Other you

The color is frighteningly missing

There is no way to attach one to the other

A half dozen on Saturday
And dozens upon dozens all day every day
Have implied I'm too old to feel this way
They're probably full of shit, and their images and sounds and ideas have an agenda (*the destruction of your mind and soul*)

(silence) i lost... (silence)

Pro-Regulation Newt Gingrich: THE REASON REVEALED!

2011-11-30 11:14:29 PM

...by Ron Paul [[link to official Ron Paul 2012 campaign site](#)] in his latest campaign ad [[link to press release on that site](#)]:

[Embedded video: commercial for Ron Paul's 2012 campaign discusses the reasons behind Newt Gingrich's opposition to both domestic deregulation and free-market capitalism after his time in Congress. Apparently it was due to payoffs in nonprofits he was working with.]

Hussein Obama's Upcoming Dictatorship: The Virtual World & The Physical World

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November and December 2011 will probably go down in history as the last two months of a free America.

The Blacklist Bills [[link to November 23, 2011 blog post "The "Blacklist Bills" Are Just Plain Silly", available in this book](#)], when stripped of concerns about the MAFIAA, BSA, fashion industry, or other copyright rackets, are basically giving the Executive Branch dictatorial powers over the Internet (which B. Hussein Obama has already assumed [[link to an article on a deleted blog](#). As of the date of this book's publication, I am unable to locate any information on this article.]).

This year's National Defense Authorization Act is the equivalent of the Blacklist Bills over the physical world. Also known as the Battlefield Bill, this enables the military to act as or with law enforcement, allowing the use of military courts and indefinite detention on domestic America.

The 2012 NDAA has already passed the House (HR 1540) and is about to pass the Senate (S 1867). An amendment to remove the "battlefield" portions failed yesterday, which will enable the passage of this annual fiscal-year bill.

Rand Paul and Judge Napolitano describe it best in this video (via Intermex Power [[link](#)]):

[Embedded video containing clips of a floor speech by Sen. Rand Paul, followed by clips of Judge Andrew Napolitano's now-defunct Fox Business show "Freedom Watch"]

Once the Blacklist and Battlefield bills are signed into law, both virtual America and physical America will be under a passive form of martial law, finally making the office of the Executive a dictatorship unless this power is repealed. No longer is the War on Terror about surveillance – it is about existence.

Under a virtual dictatorship, small businesses, social networking companies, blogs, the new Media 2.0, anti-government or anti-current-government organizations, collaboration sites, archives of leaked classified material, club-organizing sites, open-source organizations, and all other targets the current President selects will have to avoid the wrath of the Executive and its current cronies.

Under a physical dictatorship, whistleblowers, Occupy Wall Street protesters, Tea Party protesters, pro-life Christians, the Religious Right, small-government conservatives (now rejected by both parties), anarchists on the left and right, and all other targets the current President selects will have to avoid the wrath of the Executive and its current cronies.

When it comes to 2012, we should focus our sights more on January than December. For 2012 might be first year of a permanent elected dictatorship in the United States, if we are even allowed to vote.

Podcast: SOPA, S. 1867, and the Police State

2011-12-06 7:58:33 PM

On December 6th, 2011, I again made an appearance on the Repeal the 17th Amendment Podcast *[link]*, this time to discuss my December 1st, 2011 blog column *["]Hussein Obama's Upcoming Dictatorship: The Virtual World & The Physical World["]* *[link to the aforementioned blog post]*.

To listen to the podcast, visit the BlogTalkRadio podcast entry *[link – the official name of the episode is "Quintiliani on SOPA and S. 1867"]*.

If you subscribe to the podcast via RSS, you can also download the MP3. Here is a direct link *[link]*, note that as the RSS feed gets updated the download may disappear.

With Brian's permission I have made the full podcast available on the Downloads *[link]* page, but please use the direct link while you can *[link]* to save me bandwidth. Thank you & enjoy!

Wow...

2011-12-09 11:55:00 AM

...Such a nice day, despite having some of Wednesday's snow on the ground.

I was very shocked and hurt by what I was told yesterday. You'd expect the opposite given the circumstances.

You know, I was thinking, All my life I tried to do my best. Maybe I should just try to *do* and things will be a lot better. So it might be the same "not-quite" as everything else I've ever done. At least I managed to get what I've done so far, and thinking about it, that's pretty damn good.

So much I can do today, since I woke up early. I'll start now. The End

Mitt Romney is Militantly Pro-Choice

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[Embedded video – a televised debate for the 2002 Massachusetts gubernatorial election, featuring Mitt Romney taking the most militantly pro-choice views, repeatedly promising his support for pro-choice policies, including praising Massachusetts' parental consent laws as weak enough not to matter.]

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it gets me very upset that any form of faith is not only subject to such cruel mockery frequently, but for decades has been quickly and quickly not only rejected but forgotten and erased from history.

as a result, the children and young adults of today have an unnatural craving for a malicious, dictatorial cult leader, such as an antichrist. nobody wants to exercise the minds god gave them because they are taught to receive rather than transmit.

the mind of man is extremely powerful and can create, intercept, and understand such great and powerful phenomena. but not so when the mind is caged in the delusion that it is merely mechanical (as is everything else the atheist majority wants to keep mechanical) and has a fixed set of pre-programmed unharnessable functions which it exercises on its own. except initiation of phenomena, manipulation of phenomena, and creativity, of course.

i see many. i see much. i see too much. we are told how our lives are supposed to be. it is increasingly being exposed as (&now becoming) a lie, but they want us miserable and lacking in self-esteem, so as to sell us food, pills, electronics, etc.,

i know these posts do not matter. they matter to me because i felt like writing it out. it tends to be the same stuff and i'm one of infinitely many, online and off. at least with a blog, someone else might run into me and can think "hey, i'm glad i'm not the only one who feels this way, and there's nothing wrong with these feelings." the end

the missing

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decaying reality
the empty blank corpse with little left of her head
the other one's body is torn and filled with cavities
"please help me", they shout,
as they frighten the innocent
no bounds to the ugliness of their lives
come back around to what facets they cannot shed

boxx

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((solemn ...))

Tutorial – AdWhores Plus: View & Remove the “Non-Intrusive” Whitelist

2011-12-15 9:03:11 PM

[Parody image, warning that clicking it would bring up the Goatse shock site. It was not clickable and there are no such links on the X-Cop Fly Company blog.]

If you’re like me, you’re probably pissed off that the crucial Firefox extension Adblock Plus, with its new Version 2 has become crippled by a sleazy payoff *[link to article with more information on this]* to allow “non-intrusive” advertising from a whitelist maintained by the developer. “75% of users agree” with yet another tech-industry sellout based on some alleged “user survey”.

Quotes from the help file:

[Their vague and unclear requirements for whitelisted advertisements was given here, as well as information on how to disable the whitelist via a checkbox in the settings]

And while you can disable this “checkbox”, the whitelist remains available at:

easylist-downloads dot adblockplus dot org slash exceptionrules dot txt

As of the date of this post, the whitelist includes (of course) one of the major godmothers of all tech-industry whores, Google, and a few other advertisers like Sedo’s domain parking.

However, if you don’t trust the “checkbox”, you may stop Adblock Plus from polling the whitelist. This has been tested on Firefox 8.0 and Adblock Plus 2.0.1.

- First disable the “Allow non-intrusive advertising” checkbox in Adblock Plus’s Filter Preferences.
- In your Firefox URL bar, type “about:config” and press Enter. If you get a message about “voiding your warranty”, ignore that and proceed.
- In “Filter”, type in “extensions.adblockplus.subscriptions_exceptionsurl”. This Preference Name, with Value showing the whitelist URL, should appear
- Right-click the “extensions.adblockplus.subscriptions_exceptionsurl” under Preference Name, and click Modify.
- Delete all the text in the dialog that pops up (usually pressing Backspace will clear it completely)
- Click OK, close, and restart Firefox.
- Enjoy the privacy, control, choice, and browsing experience Adblock Plus once gave you!

I also suggest that in addition to Easylist, you use unofficial lists such as Fanboy's:

fanboy dot co dot nz

A redesign to xcopfly.com is in progress

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I am doing it behind the scenes this time rather than exposing the viewers with partially-done ugliness (as I did last time).

Updates will be primarily to the stylesheet, and will include:

- Use of standardized colors
- Use of brighter colors
- Easier to read

And more!

Stay tuned.

Muslim Terrorists & Censoring Liberals: "Shut Down Your Blog By January 6th"

2011-12-30 10:05:32 PM

Liberals continue to aid and abet Muslim terrorism with anti-"hate speech" policies. Here's the latest to make the blogosphere, from The Gateway Pundit *[link]*:

[Quotes from the above article, as well as the blog's Twitter page. Wordpress had taken down an anti-Islam blog entitled "Bare Naked Islam", known for its aggressive opposition to Islam and Sharia Law, including promoting a boycott against Lowe's for sponsoring a TV show on TLC entitled "All-American Muslim". Commenters, not the owners, were making use of violence and threats on blog posts. The site was taken down partially due to violent threats made against Wordpress staff by CAIR (although Wordpress denied this). Wordpress reinstated the site, but told it to shut down by January 6.]

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